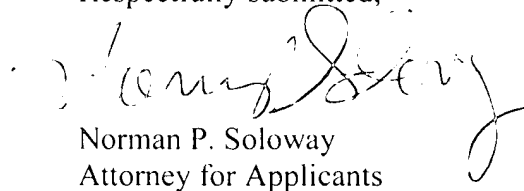


removed as citable prior art. Without Kitamura et al., the anticipation rejection as set forth in
cipher 5 of the Action cannot be maintained.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed
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